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SUBJECT: LOCAL DISSATISFACTION WITH U.S. RESPONSE TO  
PRESIDENT CHIANG'S DEATH

REF: TAIPEI 1840

1. DURING THE COURSE OF APRIL 10 THE EMBASSY CONTINUED TO  
RECEIVE COMPLAINTS FROM AMERICANS AND BEGAN TO RECEIVE  
DIRECT COMPLAINTS FROM INDIVIDUAL CHINESE ABOUT THE  
SELECTION OF SECRETARY BUTZ TO REPRESENT THE U.S. AT  
PRESIDENT CHIANG'S FUNERAL. THE MAIN THEME OF THE PROTESTS  
WAS THAT WHATEVER THE POLITICAL SITUATION, THE U.S. SHOULD  
REMEMBER THAT PRESIDENT CHIANG HAD LED AN IMPORTANT ALLY  
OF THE U.S. DURING WORLD WAR II. THEREFORE, THE U.S.  
SHOULD SEND A HIGHER RANKING OFFICIAL TO SHOW PROPER  
RESPECT FOR THIS GREAT WORLD LEADER.

2. AMERICANS WHO PROTESTED FREQUENTLY CHARACTERIZED THE  
SELECTION OF BUTZ AS "HUMILIATING". THE PRESIDENT OF A  
VERY LARGE AND LONG ESTABLISHED AMERICAN FIRM IN  
TAIWAN DESCRIBED THE APPOINT AS "A (CENSORED) SHAME,  
AN INSULT, AND A DISGRACE."

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3. ONE AMERICAN DESCRIBED CHINESE REACTION TO BUTZ'S SELECTION AS "STUNNED". ANOTHER, WHO HAS CLOSE CONTACTS WITH A BROAD SEGMENT OF THE AMERICAN AND CHINESE BUSINESS COMMUNITIES, SAID THE OVERWHELMING FEELING OF BOTH COMMUNITIES WAS THAT THE SELECTION OF BUTZ WAS "INSULTING."

4. CHINESE WHO INDIVIDUALLY CALLED THE EMBASSY EXPRESSED THEIR DISSATISFACTION WITH THE SELECTION AND HOPE THAT A OFFICIAL OF GREATER PRESTIGE COULD BE CHOSEN TO HEAD THE U.S. DELEGATION. ONE KMT SOURCE TOLD AN EMBOFF THAT ALMOST EVERYONE HE HAD SPOKEN TO IN THE KMT CONSIDERED THE APPOINTMENT TO BE A SLAP IN THE FACE AND THAT THERE WOULD BE OPEN CRITICISM OF THE APPOINTMENT IN THE PRESS AFTER THE FUNERAL OCCURS.

5. IN SEVERAL INSTANCES, BOTH AMERICANS AND CHINESE CLAIMED TO BE REPRESENTING THE VIEWS OF A GROUP RATHER THAN SPEAKING AS INDIVIDUALS. SOME OF THOSE WHO REGISTERED COMPLAINTS ASKED THAT THE EMBASSY RELAY THEIR VIEWS TO WASHINGTON. OTHERS STATED THAT THEY PLANNED TO SEND TELEGRAMS TO THE WHITE HOUSE.  
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